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United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

1st November, 1883.

Sir

I respectfully call your attention to the fact, that some person at the U. S. Mint at San Francisco has been tampering with dies sent there for coinage. I have discovered this upon examination of those dies returned from last years orders. To what extent this may have been carried I am unable to say, but it is very apparent on both Eagle and Half Eagle dies. This not only causes a loss of these dies, but as you well understand it destroys all uniformity of coinage if irresponsible persons are allowed to make such changes in the engraving as to them seems necessary.

I feel that I need hardly say that as the dies sent to the Mint

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I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
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Hon. J. Loudon Snowden
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